arc at present 3 vacancies in the Karnataka High Court which arose on the following dates:—

Sl. No.	Date
1.	14-11-1984
2.	24-10-1985
3.	18-12-1985

It has also been agreed in principle to create 4 new posts of Judges and 2 new posts of Additional Judges in the High Court.

Polyester Staple Fibre Cost Study by BICP

1195. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAG HELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has completed the Polyester Staple Fibre Cost Study;

(b) if so what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement the recommendations of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Public dial STD facilities

1196. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1436 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1986 and state;

(a) whether there is public dial facility in all tlie towns of Kerala State wWch have STD;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to extend pubile dialling facility in all the STD linked towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir. Out of 43 towns having STD facility in Kerala State only 23 towns have STD Public Telephones.

(b) STD Public Telephones are not sanctioned as a matter of policy at all stations having STD facility. They axe pirovided subject to technical feasibility especially with regard to metering and expected use.

(c) At present STD Public Telephones can be only from Departmental Offices like Telegraph Offices and exchanges because charges are to be collected by an attendant in accordance with a meter reading. Not every where can this meter be provided due to operat ing technical limitation.

Coin-operated STD Public Telephones arc being planned. They may be available in large quantities in the later half of the 7th Plan (1985—1990).

Production of PTA and DMT for the manufacture of polyester

1197. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PTA is considered as more efficient and mora economical raw-material for Polyester Filament Yarn/Polyester Staple Fibre as against Dimethyl Terephthalate;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to stop any further increase in the capacity of DMT production in India; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI *M.* ARUNACHALAM); (a) Dimethyl TrsrephthalaU (DMTj and Purified Terephthalate (PTA)